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- (a) After the hearing processes required in § 9-648 or § 9-649 of this subtitle are complete, a sanitary district may begin construction on a project that has been approved under either of those sections.
- (b) The sanitary commission shall follow the bid solicitation procedure of this section for any construction work on the project, unless the cost will be \$5,000 or less.
- (c) The sanitary commission may solicit bids for all or part of the project for which bids are sought.
- (d) Whenever the sanitary commission solicits bids under this section for construction contracts, the sanitary commission shall advertise the solicitation in each member county in at least 1 newspaper of general circulation in the county.
- (e) In addition to the advertising required by subsection (d) of this section, the sanitary commission may advertise the solicitation in other newspapers or technical journals.
- (f) If the sanitary commission awards a contract in response to bids received under this section, the sanitary commission shall award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder.
- (g) If the sanitary commission determines that the prices quoted in any bid are unreasonable or unbalanced, it may reject the bid.
- (h) If the sanitary commission rejects all the bids, the sanitary commission may:
  - (1) Readvertise; or
- (2) Do the project or any part of it with its own temporary or permanent employees.
- (i) The sanitary commission may include in the contract additional conditions and requirements for:
  - (1) Performance bonds;

- (2) Penalties; and
- (3) Liquidated damages.

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